

## **The City of Seward**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING 5:00-7:00 PM; Thursday, January 12, 2017 Seward-Municipal Building, 147 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Seward, NE**

Karol Kay Blvd, Bader - Hillcrest, Seward **URB-6763(1), CN 13161**

The City of Seward will hold a public information open house regarding design and alignment changes to the Karol Kay Boulevard project in Seward, NE. The public information open house will be held at Seward – Municipal Building in the City Council Chambers, 147 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Seward, NE, January 12, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Identified as ***Karol Kay Blvd, Bader - Hillcrest, Seward*** the proposed project would begin at the intersection of Karol Kay Boulevard and Bader Street, proceed south where it would end at a new intersection with East Hillcrest Drive. The project alignment would be located on the western side of the City property. In addition to the roadway improvements, a new sidewalk would be constructed to connect the existing sidewalks along Karol Kay Boulevard and Bader Avenue with the Plum Creek Trail. Work on the project would include grading, concrete pavement with curb and gutter, storm sewer pipes and inlets, street lighting, erosion control, landscaping, concrete sidewalk, concrete field driveways and related items.

The purpose of this project is to improve connectivity within the City of Seward. The proposed project would provide better access to the new middle school, existing elementary school, and recreational facilities on the north side of Seward. The project would also create a pedestrian access to the Plum Creek Trail from adjacent neighborhoods. The project is needed due to limited north-south connectivity on the eastern side of Seward. There are currently two north-south through streets in the northeast section of Seward that connect to the main east-west routes. The City of Seward 2001 Comprehensive Development Plan identifies the need for additional north-south connections including the extension of Karol Kay Boulevard to East Hillcrest Drive.

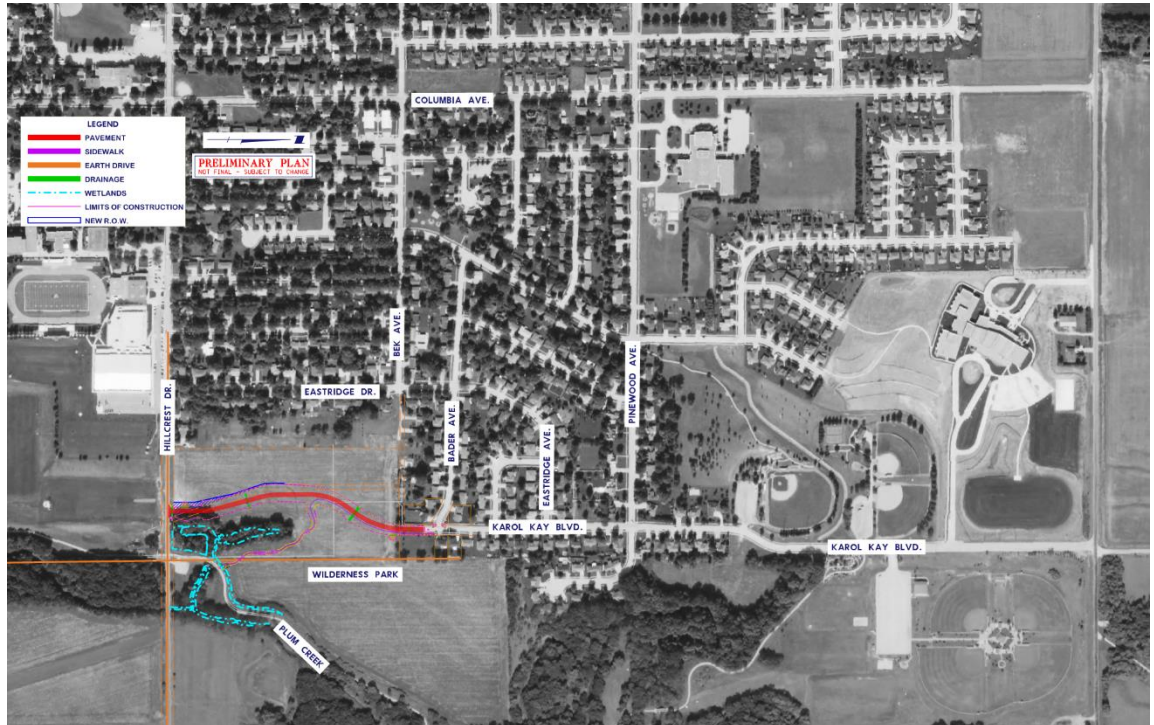
Since the public meeting held in February 2014, the project alignment by East Hillcrest Drive was shifted further to the west and the sidewalk location was moved. The alignment shift was done to minimize impacts to the future Wilderness Park Addition identified in the City of Seward 2001 Comprehensive Development Plan. The future Wilderness Park Addition is located from the western edge of Plum Creek to the location of the proposed roadway. The future park would be impacted by the construction of the roadway through a portion of the park. In addition to the alignment shift, the City would construct a playground in the north east corner of the property to further minimize impacts. The Plum Creek Trail is located along Plum Creek and would be temporarily impacted by the connection of the new sidewalk. Wetland impacts are also anticipated due to the sidewalk connection. The new project alignment would now require the acquisition of additional property rights from adjacent landowners, which includes new right-of-way (ROW) and temporary easements (TE), for construction.

Construction on the proposed project is anticipated to begin summer 2018 with completion in fall 2018. East Hillcrest Drive would remain open to traffic but lane closures controlled with approved temporary traffic control may be needed at times. The Plum Creek Trail would remain open during construction but temporary width restrictions may be needed to allow for construction of the sidewalk connection.

The public information open house is being held to provide information regarding the project, present design and alignment changes, and to receive the public's input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel from the City will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The information "open house" format allows the public to come any time during the advertised hours, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel and leave as they wish. A formal presentation will not be included as part of this information open house.

The City will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the City is notified by January 4, 2017. Notification should be submitted to: Bruce Smith, City Administrator, City of Seward, 537 Main Street (PO Box 38), Seward, NE 68434-0038; [Bruce.Smith@cityofsewardne.com](mailto:Bruce.Smith@cityofsewardne.com); voice telephone (402) 643-2928, Fax (402) 643-6491. The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through January 27, 2017. Comments should be submitted to: Julie Ogden, Project Manager, JEO Consulting Group, PO Box 207, Wahoo NE. Information on this project will be made available at city hall and also on the City of Seward website <http://www.cityofsewardne.com>.

## Project Location



### LOCATION:

The proposed project would extend Karol Kay Boulevard, located on the east side of Seward, from Bader Avenue to East Hillcrest Drive in the City of Seward (Seward County) Nebraska.

### PURPOSE & NEED:

The purpose of this project is to improve access across Seward. The proposed project would provide better access to the new middle school, existing elementary school, and recreational facilities on the north side of Seward. The project would also create a pedestrian access to the Plum Creek Trail from the adjacent neighborhood.

The project is needed due to limited north-south connectivity on the eastern side of Seward. There are currently two north-south through streets in the northeast section of Seward that connect to the main east-west routes. The first is Nebraska Highway 15 (N-15), located in the center of Seward. The Second is Columbia Avenue which is about 2,000 feet east of N-15. The elementary school is located on Columbia Avenue, which can get very busy before and after school. In 2013, the new Seward Middle School opened at Waverly Road and Karol Kay Boulevard. Karol Kay Boulevard does not currently connect with East Hillcrest, one of the main east-west routes. The city's 2001 comprehensive plan includes extending Karol Kay Boulevard to East Hillcrest Drive.

### SCOPE OF WORK:

The project would extend the existing Karol Kay Boulevard, from its current end at Bader Avenue, to East Hillcrest Drive. The new roadway segment would be constructed on a new alignment and would be approximately 0.28 of a mile long located along the western edge of the City of Seward property. The improvements would include concrete pavement with integral curb and gutter sections. The concrete pavement is proposed to be 27-feet wide with a concrete sidewalk on the east side. The sidewalk would be connected to the existing Plum Creek Trail. Storm sewer and curb inlets would be included in the project to address drainage. Street lighting would be installed according to City of Seward standards. Additional project improvements include landscaping, seeding, erosion control and fill for roadway construction.

5:00 to 7:00 P.M.  
Seward Municipal  
Building - City Council  
Chambers  
147 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Seward, NE

### PROJECT CONTACTS

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### COMMENT FORMS:

Please send Comment  
Forms to Julie Ogden  
or drop them off at City  
Hall.



## Project Details

### **ALIGNMENT CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLIC MEETING: See attached aerial map for current road location**

Since the last public meeting in February of 2014, a determination of the property owned by the City as a future public park (based on the 2001 comprehensive plan) was made. This determination required the project to minimize the impacts to the future Wilderness Park. To achieve this, the roadway alignment must follow the western boundary of the property as much as possible. This is further west than any previous discussions with the public. The changes include shifting the intersection of Karol Kay Boulevard with East Hillcrest to be located 700 feet east of Eastridge Drive, a previous alignment had the intersection at 775 feet east of Eastridge Drive.

The City, in order to mitigate impacts to the future park, would develop a playground on the northwest corner of this property (adjacent to Karol Kay Boulevard). In addition, landscaping would be installed along the western edge of the road right of way.

### **CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:**

The project construction is tentatively scheduled to begin as early as summer of 2018, and estimated to be completed in late fall of the same year.

### **ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC:**

The proposed project would be constructed on a new alignment; detours for traffic would not be required. A lane restriction would be used on East Hillcrest to facilitate construction, as needed, using appropriate traffic control. Plum Creek Trail would remain open for use during the project however there may be a time where its width is restricted. Appropriate traffic control would be used to define this restriction.

### **POTENTIAL IMPACTS:**

Wetland impacts are anticipated due to the sidewalk connection to Plum Creek Trail. Mitigation would not be required. Impacts to the future Wilderness Park are anticipated due the roadway alignment. Impacts would be mitigated through the addition of playground equipment and landscaping. Temporary impacts to the Plum Creek trail are also anticipated due to the sidewalk connection.

### **RIGHT-OF-WAY:**

This project would require acquisition of new property rights for construction, including new right-of-way and temporary easements for construction. The majority of the work would be completed on property currently owned by the City of Seward. Access to the adjacent properties would be maintained during the project but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

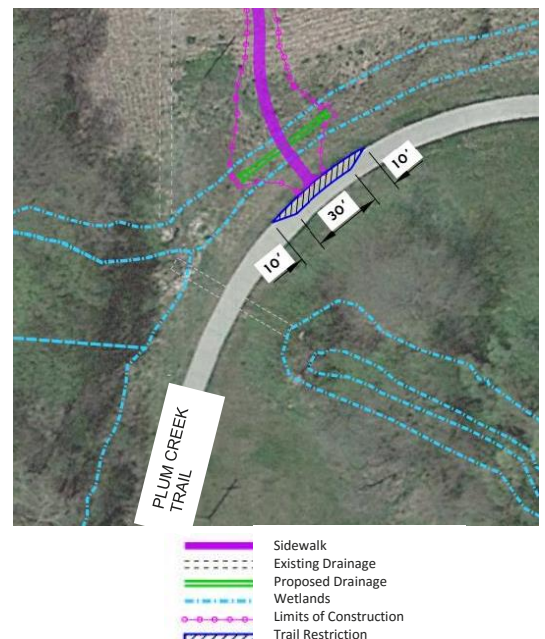
The estimated total project cost for is approximately \$950,000 and would derive from federal and city funding sources.

### **TRAFFIC VOLUMES:**

Karol Kay Blvd North of Bader Ave		
Year	2016	2036
ADT	325	425
% Trucks	<5%	<5%

ADT = Average Daily Traffic on Road

% Trucks = estimated % of semi's or other heavy vehicles on road





City of SEWARD

Please return comment forms on **Karol Kay Boulevard; Bader to East Hillcrest; URB 6763(1) CN 13161** to JEO Consulting Group Inc. (ATTN: Julie Ogden, Project Manager; PO Box 207, Wahoo, NE 68066) by **January 27, 2017**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
(telephone number or e-mail address)

COMMENTS:

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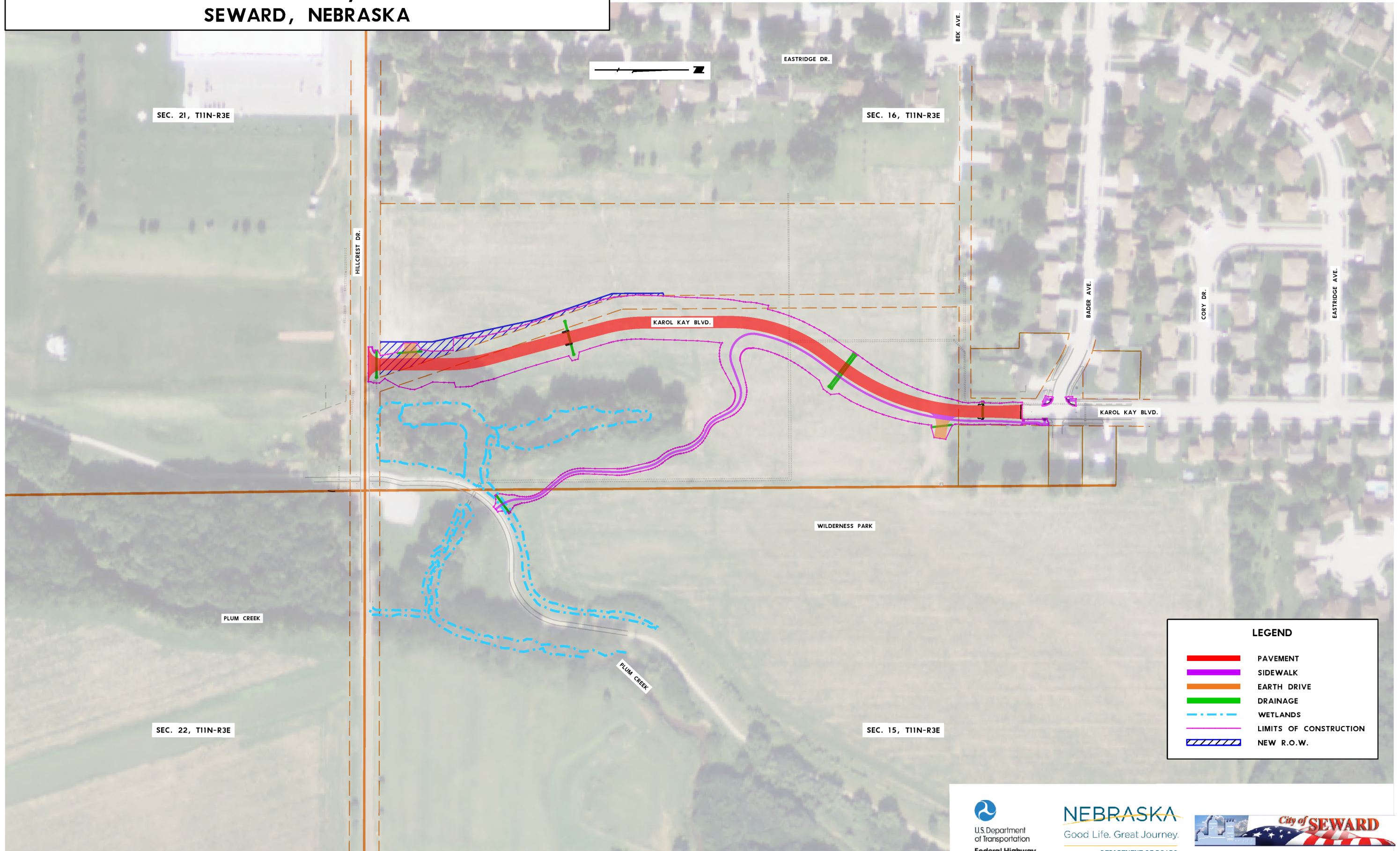
*Thank you for providing your comments*



# KAROL KAY BOULEVARD, BADER-HILLCREST SEWARD, NEBRASKA

**PRELIMINARY PLAN**  
NOT FINAL - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PROJECT NO.	SHEET NO.
URB-6763(1)	
C.N. 13161	



LEGEND	
	PAVEMENT
	SIDEWALK
	EARTH DRIVE
	DRAINAGE
	WETLANDS
	LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION
	NEW R.O.W.

